

front of me there was a vast crowd numbering thousands and thousands of angry miners, and when I got up I could feel the electricity in the air.

I started by saying : e Gentlemen, I come from far away as you know. I do not belong to this country. I have come a long way to do my bit in this war, and I am going to talk to you to-night about this trouble. But I have heard in my country that the Welsh are among the greatest singers in the world, and before I start, I want you first of all to sing to me some of the songs of your people.

Like a flash, somebody in that huge mass struck

up c Land of My Father s'. Every soul present

sang in Welsh and with the deepest fer-

" Land of your. When they had finished, they just

*My Fathers* ' stood, and I could see that the thing was

over. I could judge the effect on myself. I said : e Well, Gentlemen ! It is not necessary

for me to say much here to-night. You know what

has happened on the Western Front.

You know

your comrades in their tens of thousands are risking

their lives. You know that the Front is not only

in France, but that the Front is just as much here

as anywhere else. The trenches are in Tonypany.

and I am sure you are actuated by the same spirit.

as your comrades over in France. It is not neces-

sary for me to add anything. You know it as

well as I do, and I am sure that you are going to

defend the Land of your Fathers of which  
you have  
sung here to-night, and that you will  
defend it to  
the uttermost—and that no trouble you  
may have  
with the Government about pay or  
anything else  
will ever stand in the way of your  
defence of the  
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